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CLAYTON-le-MOORS.

1944

A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
Health of Clayton-le-Moors
by
DR. J. ROBERTSON
and
J. H. BRIDGE
Sanitary Inspector.

TO THE

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT

COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present the Medical Officer's Report upon the health of the Urban District for the year 1944.

This again is an interim report.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

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DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.DEATHS.

Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis Nil

Other maternal causes Nil

CAUSES DEATHS DURING 1944.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	-	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	-	2
Cancer of buccal cavity & oesoph:(M).			
Uterus (F)	-	1	1
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3
Cancer of all other sites	2	2	4
Diabetes	-	1	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	9	9	18
Heart diseases	13	17	30
Other diseases of circulatory system ..	3	-	3
Bronchitis	4	3	7
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Other respiratory diseases	2	-	2
Nephritis	-	1	1
Premature birth	-	2	2
Congenital malformations birth injuries			
(infant)	2	-	2
Suicide	1	-	1
Road Traffic Accidents	-	-	-
Other violent causes	4	1	5
Other causes	1	1	2
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DEATHS.

Cancer(all ages)	8
Measles (all ages)	Nil
Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The ambulance of the Darwen Corporation is used to convey patients to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Darwen.

NURSING.

The Accrington District Nursing Association provides home nursing in Clayton-le-Moors.

There have been very few enquiries for Home Help and no applications to be registered under the Home Help Scheme have been received

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly and Ante and Post-Natal Clinics monthly. The help of the ladies of the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged

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SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by myself as Divisional School Medical Officer.

The school clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising, Minor Ailment, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics are held regularly at the Welfare Centre. This is again meeting with a great response, the injections are given by the Medical Officer of Health.

HOSPITALS.

No hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The services outlined above are available to all and are generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics and in the schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Accrington District Gas and Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient and as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Sanitary Authority under the Council's Surveyor's supervision.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table overleaf shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.



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TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
10	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
65 and Upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	3	1	—	3	1	—	—	—
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The Tuberculosis Service for the area is administered by the County Council and one of their principal dispensaries is only a few yards outside the boundary of the Urban District.

This dispensary is constantly open with a full clerical and health visiting staff. One consultant and one other Tuberculosis Officer of the County Council attend several times a week to see patients recommended for consultation by Local Practitioners or cases found by the Medical Officer in course of routine work in schools, ante-natal or welfare clinics.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases all ages.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	1	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	—	—	—	—
Measles	11	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	5	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	—	—	—
Vaccinia	1	1	1	1
Total	20	1	1	1

There was no minor epidemic of any infectious disease during the year.

The Local Authority has now contracted with the Borough of Darwen to admit infectious cases to their Infectious Diseases Hospital.

No case of diphtheria was reported during the year.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1943, 189 children in Clayton-le-Moors were immunised against Diphtheria.

The following table indicates the number of children immunised in 1944, in the various age groups.

Ages Years.	No. of children completely immunised.	No. of children who ceased to attend before completion of course.
Under 1	—	1
1	52	1
2	22	—
3	3	—
4	5	—
5	1	—
6	3	—
7	—	—
8	—	—
9	2	—
10	—	—
11	—	—
12	—	—
13	1	—
14	—	—
TOTAL	89	2

The prophylactic used for immunisation was A.P.T. two injections being given with an interval of four weeks being allowed between the first and second injection.

I again thank the members of the Council for their courtesy and help for the interest shown in matters relative to the Public Health in the district.

Yours faithfully,

J. ROBERTSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Council Offices,

Clayton-le-Moors.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1944.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The number of premises visited during 1944 was 119.

From these visits 137 nuisances and defects were noted and 122 were remedied.

112 informal notices were issued.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of houses using:-

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers)	534
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	1680
Pail Closet System	6
Privy Midden System	3
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Total number of inhabited houses	2223
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166 blocked drains in connection with slopwater closets were opened.

During the year 8 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

As in the previous year, it was not found necessary to contribute towards the cost of installing fresh water closets in lieu of waste water system, the cost of a few which were converted being met by the owners.

ASHPIT ACCOMMODATION.

There are 2217 moveable ashbins.

The collection of refuse is carried out weekly by the Surveyor's Department, and is tipped satisfactorily at Butterworth Holme. The tipping is controlled.

WORK DONE BY THE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Ashpits emptied	31
Ashpails emptied	100,035
Privy pails	156
Loads of house refuse removed to tips	1,107
Horse carts of street sweepings removed to tips	-
Hand carts of street sweepings removed to tips	1,053
Tumblers of Gully Refuse removed to tips ..	135
Houses fumigated	1
Blocked drains and W.C.'s opened	166
Loads of snow removed	-
New houses certified as fit for human habitation ..	-

UNDER THE SHOPS ACT, 1934.

No infringement of the above act was observed.

ERADICATION OF BEDBUGS.

The number of houses found to be infested were:-

Council houses Nil
Other houses Nil

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The principle type of offensive trade within this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken, as these works are very satisfactory.

WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

The number on the register was 52 and their condition on the whole was satisfactory.

The number of factories inspected
with mechanical power 5

The number of factories inspected
without mechanical power 5

The number of defects found on these premises were:-

Insufficient sanitary conveniences 4

Other offences 6

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1944.

No. of new houses erected during the year:-

- (a) Total including numbers given separately under (b)
- (i) By the Local Authority
- (ii) By other Local Authorities
- (iii) By other bodies or persons
- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-
- (i) By the Local Authority (included under (a)(i) above)
- (ii) By other bodies (included under (a)(iii) above)

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

- | | |
|---|----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 14 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 28 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | - |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | - |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | - |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | - |

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.

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Action under statutory powers during the year:-

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Proceedings under sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | 1 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- | |
| (a) By owners | 1 |
| (b) By local authority in default of owners | - |
| (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts. | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | - |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:- | |
| (a) By owners | - |
| (b) By local authority in default of owners | - |
| (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936. | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | - |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | - |

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The general observations as to housing conditions are as follows:-

There are no congested areas in the district.

Approximately 10% of the houses are over 80 years old, have through ventilation and are stone built, flagged living-rooms with ground dampness prevalent.

Approximately 80% are between 20 - 80 years old, and are of brick and stone.

About 10% are modern (including Housing Estate) most of which are brick.

There are a considerable number of single aged people occupying 2 or 3 bedroom type of houses, solidly built, and to relieve the housing shortage the Council contemplate erecting a small number of bungalows for aged people, requesting such aged people to remove to newly constructed bungalows, and in doing so, release good sized family houses for ex-service men and their families.

It is also contemplated building 20 permanent houses of the 3 bedroom type on the Chequers site to relieve overcrowding again with priority to servicemen and women.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The slaughtering of all animals has been carried on outside the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Meat	36 lbs.
Marmalade	6 lbs.
Dried Dates	8 lbs.
Butter	16½ lbs.

MILK SUPPLY.

Under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, and Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, inspections were made.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences issued by the Local Authority during 1944 in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk:-

(i) Bottling	None.
(ii) Distribution	None.

"Accredited" Milk:-

(i) Bottling	None.
(ii) Distribution	None.

Milk:- No. of licences issued in respect of "Pasteurised"

Pasteurising Plant None.
Retail Distributors 9

FARMS.

No. of Dairy Farms 9
Approximate No. of Cows in district 130
No. of Cow-Keepers (including Dairy farms) .. 9
No. on Register 9
No. of inspections during the year 22
No. of Dairymen (other than Cow-Keepers)
or Milk purveyors 35

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1 house was disinfected during the year after infectious disease.

6 books were fumigated from the library prior to re-circulation.

Yours obediently,

JOHN H. BRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector.

